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County Council Proceedings

Warden's Address

Warden McTavish reviewed the conditions in the County of Grey in his address which was presented to the County Council on Thursday evening last. The address follows in full :—

I desire to tender you my hearty thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me by electing me by acclamation as Warden of the County for the current year.

I appreciate it not only as an honor to myself, but to the Municipality of Flesherton, which I represent.

Nearly eventy yearsago, the late W. K. Flesher, after whom the village of Flesherton was named, was one of

WARDEN DANIEL McTAVISH

the first Wardens of this county, followed later in 1881 by Dr. Christoe, and M. K. Rchardson in 1898. All of these gentlemen, who were representatives of Artemesia, resided in Flesherton, and did yeoman service during their tenures of office.

It will be my endeavor to live up to their standards. I trust that our relations will be mutually satisfactory, and with your co-operation and help I shall try to discharge the duties of this office to the best of my ability..

Agriculture

With the very large crop of 1923 and a gradual stabilization of prices, conditions have been materially improved, although there is yet much to be desired. I am glad to note that there is an increased spirit of co-operation between the urban and rural population. During the past year there have been many get together meetings among the farming communities and the business men of the various sections. These meetings have been and will continue to be productive of much good,for it is only by co-operation of all sections that satis factory progress, both financially and socially, can be made.

County and Suburban Area Roads

The reports presented by the County Road Superntendent and the Suburban Area Commission will show that good progress has been made during the past year while total expenditure has not been established, which should be an important factor in the proper maintenance and upkeep of main roads already constructed.

A large amount of money has been spent by the Highwav Department during th past three years on the roads designated as Provincial Highways in our county. Twenty per cent. of this expenditure is chargeable to the county, and is an expenditure over which we have no control.

I would like to call your attention to the proposed Blue Water Highway System, with which has been endorsed by former councils. It will, if System to completion, be an important factor in increasing the already large tourist travel through this distict.

Education

Year by year the provincial grants for our schools are increasing, and as a natual consequence our county expenditures along that line are moving upwards. Yet, I think that you will agree with me, that we are justified in any expenditures which will make for the ultimate betterment of the rising generation.

Mothers' Allowances

This, too, is an expenditure which is gradually increasing year by year, but one which we most willingly provide for.

County Buildings

During the past year considerable improvements, which have been badly needed, have been made at the House of Refuge, and an addition to the North Grey Registery office has been made to house a heating system,which has been installed, and which, it is claimed, will make a large yearly saving in the fuel account. Full details of these expenditures will appear in the auditors' report.

Reforestation

I would especially call your attention to the matter of reforestation which has become a vital issue. You will have noticed that the various Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout the province have been memorializing the Government along that line, and asking for prompt and definite action. I trust that your special committee will cooperate with our local Boards in that connection.

Financial

As the financial report for the past year cannot be presented at this sesion I would suggest, with your approval, that our treasurer be asked to attend and give us a general survey of our financial condition for the information of our members generally. I would particularly request the various committees to keep their expenditures within the amounts appropriated for the several departments, and to be as economical as possible, consistent with efficiency. While there are many expenditures over which we have absolutely no control, it behooves us to be careful that our tax levies may not be unduly excessive.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, let me again thank you for the honor you have done, not only myself, but the village of Flesherton, whose representative I am,

Yours faithfully,
D. McTAVISH, Warden.

The County Council at its Friday afternoon sesion was appealed to by Mrs. H. Down of Flesherton, President of the Grey County Children's stitute, and Mr. H. H. Burgess, President oft he Grey oCunty Children's Aid Society, to make a grant this year toward the work which would obviate the necessity of having to make appeals for assistance to the public.

Mrs. Down was introduced by Mr. Burgess, who spoke of the work of the Society in saving children, who were neglected, or abused or in other ways did not have a normal chance in life. The work of the agent of the Society, Mr. Trout, he felt sure was well known to the members of the council. The Society had hopes that the council would put it on the same footing as the home in Markdale. It required about four thousand dollars per year to meet the expenses of the work, and he explained the sources from which the funds come. It is necessary each year to raise from $1,500 to $2,000 by collecting in small amounts. With the voluntary contributions falling off the Society was finding great difficulty in meeting the expenses of the work. He felt that the amount asked, $2,000, would be only one fifteenth part of a mill on the assessment. The money is spent entirely among the dependent children of the county.

Mrs. Down made a strong appeal for the Society, and she explained the aims and objects of the Women's Institutes. She stated that there was not a township in the county which had not been benefitted by the work. The donations help but they are not satisfactory. She pointed out that other counties in the province were maintaining their Children's Shelters in this way. Warden McTavish promised Mrs. Down that the appeal would have the consideration of the Council.

The County Treasurer, Mr. Parker, gave a brief review of the present financial standing of the county. In compliance with the rule of the county the taxes of the county have all been collected in advance. The total taxes $234,710.28, all of which has been collected, at the rate of eight mills on the dollar on an assesment of twenty nine million dollars. The amount expended on County roads in 1923 was $179,-654.88, on Sub-urban Area Roads, $43,787.76, and on Provincial Highways, $26,426.25. Mr. Parker pointed out the increase in the amount of money spent on education. This year the county spent approximately $46,-500 on education. while in 1903 only $9,000 was spent and in 1913, $24,-000. These figures do not include Government grants. The total debenture debt of the county at the present time is $335,000 aaginst which there is a sinking fund of $70,-000. Mr. Parker gave other figures indicating the county's financial standing.

County Crown Attorney Dyre addressed the Council on the matter of the County Constabulary. Since the High Constable of the County had ceased to operate, the Sheriff had become the High Constable. It is not the duty of the sheriff to do more than supervise the work of the County Constables. There are about one hundred of them in various parts of the County, and he regretted to say that many of them had ceased to be as efficient as they once were. He suggested that each municipality send in to the Sheriff, a list of two or three good men, who could be appointed as constables. He pointed out that the municipal councils can appoint these same men as officers under the Ontario Temperance Act, and that any fines collected through their work would go to the municipality instead of to the province. His object in having the office brought up to the mark is to cut crime down as low as possible in the County of Grey.

Sheriff Wilson stated that present list of constables was of very little use since many of them had moved away, died, or had grown past the active years of life. He mentioned the instructions book, which was compiled by Crown Attorney Dyre, and he suggested that a gathering or gatherings be held at which the newly appointed men could gather and receive instructions, so that they would know their duties.

Speaking on the matter of trout fry for streams, Sheriff Wilson stated that application forms for trout fry could be filled in between now and March or April. The County History was making some progress also, and the committee in charge had decided to make it into one good sized volume. A canvass of the county is to be made for subscribers to the book.

The report of the Roads and Bridges Committee, dealing entirely with accounts was presnted by Reeve Miller of Euphrasia and adopted.

The printing committee reports, presented by Deputy Reeve Hogarth also dealt with accounts, and recommended that the clerk advertise for tenders for the printing of the minutes, and of the promotion examination papers. The report gave the clerk and the chairman power to award th contract. The report was adopted.

There was some discussion on the matter of the Advisory Board of Agriculture, but the report was finally passed without being amended.

The Warden's Committee report was prsented by Reeve Bothwll. This was used as a reply to the Warden's address. The report complimented the Warden on his elevation to the high office, and the municipality from which he came. The committee were satisfied that the heartiest spirit of co-operation would be manifested. It was noted with pleasure the remark in the report regarding the spirit of co-operation which was springing up between rural and urban centres, and the increasing interest which is being taken in matters of agriculture, which the report stated, would hasten the day when all Canadians would be co-operators in the highest sense of the word. The report advised caution in the maintenance and construction on the plan of inability to pay, in the county roads system. Other clauses in the Warden's comprehensive address were commented upon favorably. The report was adopted without discussion.

Reeve S. H. Breese of Chatsworth was re-appointed a member of the Judicial Board of Audit for 1924, with his remuneration fixed at four dollars per day and ten cents per mile, for distance travelled.

R. G. Chisholm was appointed a member of the Entrance Board of Examiners for East Grey.

A by-law was passed providing for an appropriation of $28,000 plus the Provincial grant, to be applied by the County for construction, maintenance and repairs to the suburban area roads, which sum represents the amount required by the commission to be expended during the year. The by-law provides that the city of Owen Sound shall pay half the cost outside of the provincial grants, and the city's share is not to be run over $14,000.

County auditors were appointed with salary at $150 each and the ten cents per mile, one way for distance travelled, and the county to pay for the typewriting of their reports. The appointees were W. R. Cole of Derby and Walter Hastie of Holstein.

The salary of the caretaker of the County buildings was increased one hundred dollars per year.

There was also a by-law authorizing a temporary loan of not more than $250,000 from chartered banks to the corporation of the county for expenditure in connection with County Roads and other purposes.

The amount granted each of the urban municipalities for their connection link roads, was reduced this year from the usual fifty per cent. to twenty-five per cent., the members of the rural municipalities, being to a certain extent responsible for the reduction. The amounts to be paid the various municipaities are :—Meaford, $1,165; Durham, $750; Hanover, $1,165; Thornbury, $500; Flesherton, $225; Markdale $458; Neustadt $325; Shallow Lake, $208.

Trustees of the various high schools in the county were appointed as follows :—Charles Ramage, Durham; W. J. Horseley, Meaford; Rev. Geo. Kendall, Dundalk; W. J. Hamilton, Markdale; John Hemstock, Chatsworth; George Mitchell, Artemesia; A. Zumach, Hanover.

ROCK MILLS

A mistake occurred in the printing last week, which should have read Walter Russell gave a wood bee and dance which was much enjoyed, instead of John Porteous as was published last week.

The monthly meeting of the U.F.W. O. will be held at the home of Mrs. Levi Betts on Wed., February 6th.

Mrs. Sam Osborne spent a couple of days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Riley at the Club House, near Eugenia.

Mr. A. Hoy from the West is spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoy. It is 17 years since Albert has been here.

Miss Irene Smith is visiting with her brother, Edwin, at Stratford.

W. Robertson, J. McQuarry, Robt. and Alex. Laughlin attended E. Riley's wood bee on Friday last.

Shovelling snow and breakng roads is the order of the day after the bad storms which we have had.

We extend our sympathy to the Meldrum family in their sore bereavement.

Lulu Russell has been confined to her bed the past week with pneumonia. We hope to hear of her recovery soon.

CEYLON

Mr. Fred Sproat of Akron, Ohio, was a visitor at Mr. Richard Whittaker's last week and called on old friends.

Mr. Joe Snell spent a few days in Toronto the past week.

Miss Jean Collinson is visiting friends in Toronto and Port Dalhousie.

Mr. and Mrs. Haw visited friends at Swinton Park the first of the week.

Mrs. Knox is spending a few days with friends in Proton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sporat, who for the past fortnight have been calling on all their old friends, left the first of the week to visit their daughter near Shelburne.

Methodist Church, Sunday eve.

7 P.M.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT
IN THE
ORDER OF SERVICE

SUBJECT— The SINS that CRUCIFIED Jesus

11.00 a.m.—"GROWING IN GRACE."
Communion of The Lord's Supper
2.30 p.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thursday, January 31st

7.30 p.m.—ISRAEL AT MT. SINAI
8.30 p.m.—JOINT OFFICIAL BOARD

Monday, February 4th at 8 p.m.

Y.P. LEAGUE—Christian Felolwship.
Chap. 4 "WHAT AND WHERE IS GOD."
LOSING THE SENSE OF IMMORALITY
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